Note stating that recipients of medals and certificates should not pass for title-holders;

(*b*) if so, a copy of that note, communique or order may be printed and placed on the table of the House;

(*c*) what occasioned the publication of such a Press Note; what was the special reason to issue such a note?

Mr. K. V. Menon *(Publicity Officer):*

(*a*) Yes. A Press Communique has been published.

(*b*) The Communique has been published on page 411 of Part I of the Cochin Government Gazette, dated 4th Kumbham 1116 (15th February 1941).

(*c*) The Communique was issued because it appeared to Government that there was a misapprehension in the minds of the public that the award of a medal by the authorities of the Sanskrit College, Tripunittura, entitled the recipients to pass off as a title-holder.

HEALTH VISITORS APPOINTED AS CLERKS—SENIORITY OF

100. Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) what is the date of appointment of the 3 health visitors as clerks in the Medical Department on the scale of Rs. 15—25;

(*b*) on that date were there clerks already in the Medical Department drawing the maximum of Rs. 25 and if so, how many;

(*c*) if the answer to (*b*) is in the affirmative, whether these old clerks have not seniority over the new health-visitor-clerks;

(*d*) what is the relevant portion of the S. O. deciding this question of seniority?

Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):*

(*a*) 1st Vrischigam 1115.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) Does not arise in view of the answer to question (*b*).

(*d*) S. O. No. 17.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Yesterday I promised Mr. Viswambharan to give information with regard to Peringottukara. The original idea was to acquire land at Rs. 575. He submitted proposals for Rs. 777—12—0. Therefore, we thought it is going too far for starting societies and an order was issued to suspend all further proceedings. We have not sanctioned, because

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of the high expenditure involved. This is a matter which requires further consideration.

VOTING OF DEMANDS FOR GRANTS

14. General Administration—Rs. 1,44,387

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Sir, I rise to move for a demand of Rs. 1,44,387 under "14—General Administration." In making this demand, I wish to make a few observations on the criticisms of the budget that have been levelled in the course of the last two days on the floor of this House. At the outset, I must thank the hon'ble members for the very constructive criticisms *(hear, hear)* that they have made on the floor of this House on General Administration. It is not jokingly that I say that the criticisms were constructive. In fact, we have been following the criticisms with considerable interest and we have been very much profited by these criticisms. I shall just try to touch and explain a few points which have been dealt with at considerable length by some of the hon'ble members.

The industrial policy of the State was touched upon by some members. It was pointed out that the State was not pursuing a national industry policy and that our industrial policy was very short-sighted. I must admit that our experience in the line of State-owned and State-managed industries has not been very encouraging. It has not been very encouraging as testified to by the Potteries and the Tanneries. We are also aware that two courses are open in the matter of industries. One is the State owning and managing the industrial concerns and the other is State aid to industries. We are now following the latter course, and with the introduction of cheap energy from the Pallivasal Hydro-electric scheme, we hope that an era of industrialisation in our State will follow and it is our fond hope that private men will come up with sound industrial undertakings. It will always be the endeavour of our State to help them within the purview of the State Aid to Industries Act. In the meantime, we are very much encouraging the cottage industries of the State by the grant of subsidies and grants and this is an activity which is very vigorously followed by the Hon'ble Minister.

The next point I wish to touch upon is about the Harbour. The appointments in the Harbour have been very much criticised on the floor of this House. We appreciate your criticisms and we understand your anxiety about it. But I must submit that the Harbour Authorities had not been so very unfair to us as has been attempted to be made out on the floor of this House. I have furnished figures with respect to this and I must also point out that we have made most vigorous representations to the authorities concerned in this direction, and we hope that better fruits will be borne as a

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